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MUD and some cities own gas companies. So there is...there is a basic study going on. The consultant will be hired by, hopefully, if it's approved by the Exec Board, will be done by February 1st. The study of the natural gas issue will come in. Preliminary report is due November the 1st, year 2000, and the final report is due December 15th, year 2000, so they'll be ready for the next legislative session, so we can look at the whole issue of gas and the providing of gas within the state. So the study will be done. We can do...we can act on issues like this next session.

SENATOR THOMPSON: So the particular issue of the city of LaVista, dealing with their authority over their zoning jurisdictions, will be one of the pieces taken up by the study?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, it will.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you very much. I hope that you'll have...have a little time to look at this, particularly before next year. I think this is very important, particularly for the development of high growth areas. In Sarpy County, we are a high growth area and we need to make sure that the cities have the ability to do that comprehensive planning to make sure their citizens are well served by all the services that are provided, and that they can have the ability to manage effectively for the well-being of their constituents, whom they are very, very close to at the city level. And with that, I will close and I believe there will be a motion and we'll take this up next year with some recommendations from the study.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Mr. Clerk, a priority motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hartnett, I presume, Senator, would ask unanimous consent to bracket the bill until April 1 of the year 2000.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think we got this study going on, on